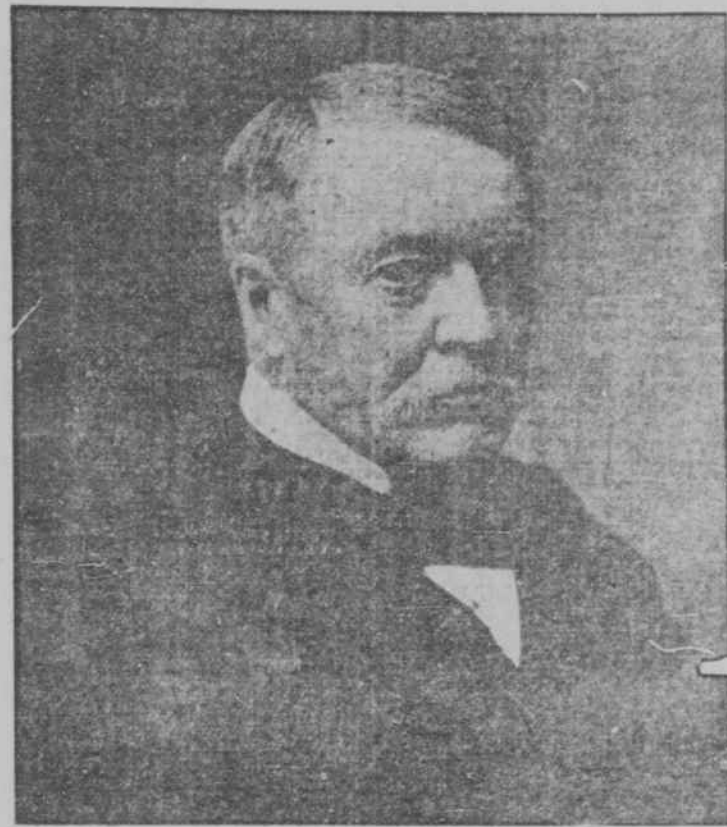


GREAT RAILWAY MAGNATE
WHO DIED ON YESTERDAY



A. J. CASSATT.

PRES. CASSATT
DIES SUDDENLY

Heart-Disease Was the
Immediate Cause of
His Death.

LEFT FORTUNE OF
FIFTY MILLIONS

Was Greatest Railroad Man of
His Day, and Controlled More
Interest Than Any Con-
temporary—It is Probable
That Samuel Rae Will
Succeed Him.

1839—Born in Pittsburgh.
1863—Graduated as civil engineer.
1865—Superintendent of Warren and Franklin road.
1870—General superintendent of Pennsylvania system.
1871—General manager of all Penn-
sylvania lines east of Pittsburgh.
1874—Third vice-president of Penn-
sylvania Company.
1880—First vice-president of Penn-
sylvania Company.
1883—Chairman of the Road Com-
mittee of the Pennsylvania lines.
1896—President of the Pennsylvania
Railway Company.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 28.—Alexander Johnston Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and one of the foremost railroad men and financiers in the country, died suddenly at his residence in this city to-day. Mr. Cassatt, who was a little more than sixty-seven years of age, was stricken with heart disease shortly before 1 o'clock, and died before assistance could be given him. He was a victim of an acute heart attack, known professionally as the "Stokes-Adams syndrome."

Though Mr. Cassatt's death was entirely unexpected, he had been ill for nearly a year. His condition was aggravated by an attack of whooping cough, which he contracted from his grandchildren while at Bar Harbor in September. He never entirely recovered from the effects of the attack, and when he returned to Philadelphia, he remained for several weeks at his country home before he resumed his arduous duties in connection with the management of the railroad and its allied interests. He continued attending to important matters until his birthday, December 30. On that day he was sixty-seven years of age, and after celebrating the event with his family, he never returned to his duties at the railroad office.

Drove to the Last.
Mr. Cassatt spent much of his time driving, and he was out as late as last Monday. Subsequently he was known to have been confined to bed, but even then his condition was not regarded as alarming. While not feeling entirely well, Mr. Cassatt arose this morning, but remained in his room. He seemed to be in good spirits. Shortly before 1 o'clock, while sitting in a chair in his apartment, he suffered an acute heart attack and became unconscious. His wife and his daughter, Mrs. Plunkett Stewart, were with him, and his physician, Dr. J. H. Munser, was summoned, but he was dead when the physician arrived. Dr. Munser said that death had been almost instantaneous.

The news of Mr. Cassatt's death was at once telephoned to Broad Street Station, and was flashed through the financial and business sections of the city, causing much astonishment, since the public and even his closest business associates were given to understand that he was not seriously ill.

The effect of his death upon the local stock market was not as great as might have been expected. Pennsylvania was quoted at 128 1/4 when the news was received, and the stock dropped only three-quarters on the report.

Some months ago Mr. Cassatt made



SAMUEL RAE,
Among those spoken of as Mr. Cassatt's
successor.

LADIES IN PERIL
IN AUTO CRASH

Large Touring Car Side-Swiped
by a Hack Moving at Right
Angles to It.

PEDESTRIANS WERE IN PERIL

Mrs. James Brown Potter, Who
Was Passing at Time, Had
Thrilling Escape.

A collision occurred yesterday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock on Franklin Street, at the corner of Jefferson, between a hack and an automobile, in which several well known ladies had a thrilling escape from death or serious injury. Fortunately, no one was injured at all, and, contrary to the usual result, the auto was the chief sufferer, the hack inflicting the damage and escaping almost unscathed in the crash.

The automobile, a large touring car, owned by Mr. C. B. Antrim, was being driven by Miss Hattie Ross and contained also Mrs. Willie Palmer and Mr. Antrim. Mrs. James Brown Potter, of New York, formerly Miss May Handy, of this city, and Miss Cally Ryland, a young lady well known in literary and social circles, were walking along Franklin Street just in front of the Jefferson Hotel at the moment of the collision, and had a rather remarkable escape from injury. The auto, answering to the pavement, where it collided with and prostrated two small trees and then skidded to the pavement, and a moment later described an arc and returned to the middle of the street, where its wild career ended.

Could Not Avoid Clash.

The hack was driving towards Franklin Street from the direction of Broad, and the auto was moving eastward along Franklin Street when the driver of the hack turned into Franklin. Miss Ross, who was driving the auto, steered the machine to the right, when it quickly became evident that a collision was inevitable, and sought in every way to escape contact with the other vehicle. Despite her efforts, however, the hack crashed into the auto, the pole of the vehicle striking the rear portion of the car and seriously damaging it, but fortunately not striking any of the occupants of the vehicle. The auto, after the collision, was severely damaged by the impact of the collision, and the occupants were given a bad scare, as were Mrs. Potter and Miss Ryland, who narrowly avoided being struck by the machine. Fortunately the auto was not running at a high rate of speed when the accident occurred; otherwise the results would inevitably have been more serious. The hack sustained little or no injury from the shock.

DR. FOSTER WILL
NOT BE OUSTED

Writes to Lane Stating
Reasons For Unex-
pected Stand.

BOARD MUST BRING
CHARGES, SAYS HE

Cannot Take Arbitrary Action,
Dismissing Him Without Rea-
son or a Chance to Be Heard.
Council Sustain Him.
Board Won't
Talk.

Dr. L. S. Foster, superintendent of the Eastern State Hospital, declines to give up his position, and has addressed a letter to Colonel L. W. Lane, Commissioner of Hospitals, stating the reasons for the stand he takes. He claims that the general board had no right to remove him without preferring charges and being given a hearing. His counsel advised him that the action of the general board is void and of no effect.

Every effort made last night to learn what course the general board would take in view of Dr. Foster's stand, was unavailing. Colonel Lane declined to make a statement or to give out Dr. Foster's letter, admitting, however, that he had received a communication from the superintendent.

Dr. Foster's Letter.

Dr. Foster's letter follows:
Eastern State Hospital,
Williamsburg, Va., Dec. 27, 1906.
Colonel L. W. Lane, Jr., Commissioner
of Hospitals, Williamsburg, Va.

Sir:—On the 21st day of November, 1906, the General Hospital Board met in the city of Williamsburg and adopted a resolution purporting to remove me from the office of superintendent of the Eastern State Hospital, to take effect January 1, 1907. This action on its part was taken without charges against or notice to me, was purely arbitrary, and was without justification. Since that time my counsel have, at my request, examined into the legality of the proceedings, and have advised me that it is void and of no effect.

I beg, therefore, to notify you that I shall decline to surrender the office of superintendent of the Eastern State Hospital on the first day of January next, and shall insist upon my right to serve the term for which I was elected to said general board, or until I have been removed in the manner prescribed by law. The general board must either admit before the public the illegality of its action, or attempt to remove me from office, not only without notice and without opportunity of being heard, but in spite of the findings of the committee of investigation appointed by the General Assembly of Virginia at its last session to examine into my administration of the affairs of this hospital, or have the legality, propriety and justification thereof determined in a fair and impartial manner by a court of competent jurisdiction. Respectfully requesting you to notify the general board of the purpose aforesaid, I beg leave to state that I am enclosing a copy of this communication to Dr. O. C. Brunk.

Very respectfully,
L. S. FOSTER,
Superintendent E. S. Hospital.

Letter to Dr. Brunk.

Following is the letter to Dr. Brunk:
Williamsburg, Va., Dec. 27, 1906.
Dr. O. C. Brunk, Charlottesville, Va.:
Dear Sir:—I beg leave respectfully to enclose a copy of a communication which I have this day sent to Colonel L. W. Lane, Jr., Commissioner of State Hospitals and which explains itself.

Very respectfully,
L. S. FOSTER,
Superintendent E. S. Hospital.

Lane Will Not Talk.

Williamsburg, Va., December 28.—Colonel L. W. Lane, State Commissioner of Hospitals, has received a letter from Dr. Foster, declining to vacate his position as superintendent of the Eastern State Hospital by January 1st. When seen by The Times-Dispatch correspondent, Colonel Lane admitted that he had received a letter from Dr. Foster, but would not state its contents.

Does Not Know Course.

PETERSBURG, Va., December 28.—Robert Gilliam, of the General State Hospital, stated this evening that he knew nothing as yet of what course the board would pursue should Dr. Foster attempt to retain his position as superintendent of Eastern State Hospital after January 1st, the time specified for his withdrawal. Mr. Gilliam said that he had received a notice of an appeal meeting of the board about the matter, and had heard nothing definite about the reported intentions of Dr. Foster, but could see no possible reason by which he could retain the position after January 1st. The regular quarterly meeting of the general board will be held at the Central State Hospital, near here, January 2nd.

WILL SENATOR PROCTOR
DRAIN DISMAL SWAMP?

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 28.—Senator Reed Proctor, of Vermont, is in Norfolk. It was stated here to-day that the visit of the venerable marble king had to do with a scheme for the draining of Dismal Swamp. It is stated that Senator Proctor is interested in the enterprise. But in his absence this could not be verified.

KING HONORS DURAND WHO
WILL BE GIVEN A FEERAGE



LADY DURAND,
Who shared social honors with husband.

MEN FINED FOR
MAKING HIM WED

Father of Miss Bessie Chandler
Assessed \$25, and His Nephew
Twice as Much.

NOW TO SEEK ANNULMENT

Elam, Who Was Forced to Mar-
ry, Will Ask the Court to
Break the Bonds.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CLARKSVILLE, Va., December 28.—The Chandler-Elam case, tried before Magistrate John Wood to-day, closed at a late hour with the decision of the court that Robert E. Chandler, father of Miss Bessie, be fined \$25, and that Bob Chandler, his nephew, be fined \$50 and costs.

The case has attracted much attention, as both families are largely connected, and the fact that it was tried during Christmas helped to augment the attendance. Messrs. H. E. Chandler and "Texas Boy" Chandler, by force, took young Elam to Bessie Chandler's home one night this week and, having license and parson ready, married him to the girl.

While young Elam was being taken to his marriage he was threatened by the most abusive language imaginable, and so much intimidated that the preacher never knew he was not willing to be married. Elam was represented by Judge Henry Wood, of this place, while Commonwealth Attorney Goode was assisted by Thomas N. Williams.

An All-Day Hearing.

The trial was held at the Planter's Warehouse. Five witnesses for the defense, including Mrs. Bessie Elam, the new bride, were examined, and six for the prosecution.

The evidence proved conclusively that Richard Elam, however improperly he had acted, was not the betrayer of the former Miss Chandler. Owing to the delicacy of the inquiry, the first witness, Mrs. Elam, was examined by the justice in private. Mrs. Elam was almost overcome with mortification, and wept bitterly as she told her story.

Three witnesses for the prosecution, however, gave damaging testimony as to her character. Her father was present and wept over the distressing situation in which his daughter was placed, and said on the stand that he had never had an intimation that his daughter was not a good woman, and could hardly believe it now.

There were letters produced in court from Mrs. Elam which went to exonerate Richard Elam, and confirm the damaging testimony made in reference to her past character.

While there was much sympathy felt for the father, who had evidently been misled by his daughter's statements, public sentiment was largely in favor of the young groom, who had evidently been victimized by a designing woman and most unjustly dealt with.

The court, in rendering its decision, placed a fine of \$25 on R. E. Chandler, the father of the bride, and \$50 on Robert Chandler, and divided the cost and reminded the two Chanderas that they were still under a peace bond and cautioned them to observe the same. It is now thought there will be no further trouble in the matter. The case was on trial most of the day and a portion of the night. Steps will at once be taken to annul the marriage between Richard Elam and Bessie Chandler.

GERMAN ARMY OFFICER
COMMITTS SUICIDE

POTSDAM, GERMANY, December 28.—It became known to-day that Major Von Wiedenbeck Noetitz Zu Jaenkendorf, formerly of the First Uhlan Regiment of the Guard, and belonging to a well-known aristocratic family, shot and killed himself here on Christmas Day. No reason is given for the act of the officer, who left a wife and four children.

GENERAL LITVINOFF
IS ASSASSINATED

OMSK, ASIATIC RUSSIA, December 28.—General Litvinoff, Governor of the province of Akmoinsk, was assassinated in the street close to his office to-day by two unknown men.



MISS DURAND.

BOWLES WILL BE
MAJOR OF BLUES

Colonel Willard Proffered the
Command, But Declines, Ow-
ing to His Work.

WAS URGED TO ACCEPT HONOR

Captain E. W. Bowles, of Company A, Richmond Light Infantry Blues Battalion, will be elected major by the line officers of the battalion at a meeting to be held some evening next week. This action is assured by the dedication of Hon. Joseph E. Willard, who, at the suggestion of Captain Bowles, was offered and urged to accept the majority. So reluctant was Captain Bowles to aspire to the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of Major Chewwood that he declined to be a candidate. Even after Colonel Willard declined the proffered command, Captain Bowles endeavored to have some one else selected.

Colonel Willard Declines.

Colonel Willard was offered the honor of command of the battalion by the officers, and asked time to consider the matter, expressing his appreciation of the honor and his desire to accept it, if not incompatible with his duties to the State.

After viewing the question from every standpoint Colonel Willard informed the committee that it would be impossible for him to accept the command and give the attention to it which it should receive, owing to engrossing nature of his public duties on the commission and his frequent absences from the city necessitated thereby.

With Colonel Willard eliminated from the equation, it became a matter of over-
tainty that Captain Bowles would be the choice of the officers to whom the selection is left. Captain Bowles himself urged Mr. Willard's selection, and sought to secure its acceptance. Though not now a candidate for the honor the unanimous desire of the officers will insure his selection, and under the circumstances he cannot well decline it, it is believed.

To Meet for Election.

Some evening next week, as soon as the orders for the election to fill the vacancy shall have been received, the line officers will meet and select Captain Bowles for the vacant majority. His promotion will cause a vacancy in the command of Company A, but members of his command politely decline to speculate upon his probable successor.

NEGRO OUTRAGES
STILL CONTINUE

Chinaman Shot by Negro Wear-
ing Uniform of Twenty-fifth
United States Infantry.

MACKLIN'S ASSAILANT KNOWN

Evidence Taken at Brownsville
Proves That Negro Soldiers
Shot Up the Town.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

EL RENO, OKLA., December 28.—Re-
sisting an attempted hold-up in his hand-
saw to-night, Lee Sung was shot and
severely wounded by a negro who wore
the uniform of the United States Army.
The assailant escaped. Soldiers from
Fort Reno, the sheriff's posse, policemen
and many citizens are searching for the
negro.

The numerous outrages perpetrated by
persons believed to be discharged soldiers
of the Twenty-fifth Infantry have aroused
public sentiment to white heat.
Lee Sung was alone in his laundry
when the negro entered, and, pointing a
pistol at him, demanded money. The
Chinese attempted to draw a revolver and
the negro fired, the bullet entering Lee
Sung's abdomen.

The negro was dressed in the full uni-
form of the United States Army, but it
is not known whether he is a member of
the negro troops now stationed at Fort
Reno, or one of the discharged soldiers.
Some of these discharged soldiers, who
were in the Brownsville riots carried their
uniforms away with them at the time
of their discharge.

Major Penrose, commanding officer at
Fort Reno, when asked what action he
had taken refused to discuss the case.
"I am getting sick of this business,"
he said. "Every time a crime is com-
mitted it is laid to the negro soldiers."

Macklin's Assailant Known.

EL RENO, OKLA., December 28.—Major
Penrose, commanding at Fort Reno,
has refused to make any statement
regarding a report that he has a clue to
the identity and whereabouts of the
negro, believed to be a discharged soldier
of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, who shot
and seriously wounded Captain Edgar
Macklin a week ago.

It is believed, however, that Major
Penrose has definite information and that
the assailant may be in custody within a
short time.
Excitement and intense racial feeling
prevail over the assault on Mrs. Clif-
ford yesterday by a negro soldier. While
Major Penrose declines to discuss the af-
fair, it is said that all of the regular
soldats were either by a discharged sol-
dier or a negro civilian who might have
purchased a cast-off uniform.

Brownsville Incident.

BROWNVILLE, TEX., December 28.—
—George W. Randall, a retired business
man, was shot in the back by a negro
soldier.

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CALL OF WOODS
TO ROOSEVELT

President Braves Threat-
ening Weather Hunt-
ing Turkeys.

WHOLE PARTY ON
BIRD HUNT TO-DAY

Bob Whites Will Have to Look
Sharp While the Great Bear-
Slayer is Out—Photographer
Goes to Pine Knot—May
Exhibit at James-
town.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., December 28.—The sun shone with favor for the
greater part of the day on the President's
hunting lodge in southern Albemarle, al-
though there were numerous showers
here in Charlottesville. The day broke
very threatening, and for this reason the
morning nap was prolonged, breakfast
not being served until nearly 10 o'clock.
At that hour the sun's rays broke
through the clouds, and the doors of the
cottage were thrown wide open, let in
the fresh morning air. A big log fire
blazed forth in the hallway fireplace, and
shone cheerily through the windows.
The President lounged in the doorway
and took in the beauties of the Alber-
marle hills.

The first caller of the day was William
Wilmer, who came over on horseback
from his estate, "Plain Dealing." He
remained for a chat with the President
and Mr. Hixey long enough for Kermit to
procure a mount from the Plain Dealing
stables, and about 11 o'clock the two
started out for a short hunt for birds in
the flat woods not far distant.

They had not proceeded very far be-
fore they were joined by Peyton S. Coles,
of "Beltedville," one of the wealthiest
residents in that section. An hour or
more was spent in the fields, but the trio
failed to come across a covey of birds,
and returned to "Pine Knot" without any
trophy whatever.

Call of the Woods.

Quentin called to the side of his mother.
They returned to Pine Knot in time for
lunch, after which preparations were be-
gun for an afternoon hunt, the President
being unable to keep out of the woods any
longer. The party included Admiral
Rixey, the Wilmers and Kermit Roose-
velt. The trip was along the Hardware
to the habitat of the wild turkey, but de-
spite the efforts of "Uncle Dick" to dis-
cover the roosting-place of the wary bird,
none of the party met with any suc-
cess. The quintet returned to Pine Knot
shortly before dark. Their only game
being a few Bob Whites.

During the afternoon Miss Ethel Roose-
velt and her friend, Miss Langdon, of
New York, went for a long horseback
ride. They were accompanied by Theo-
dore and Lieutenant Hammer, all mount-
ed on some of William Wilmer's splen-
did saddle horses, that have carried off
ribbons in the show ring.

The hunt over the splendid maco-
adam road leading to Green Mountain,
where are the beautiful country homes of
some of the wealthiest residents of that
aristocratic section.

Big Bird Hunt To-Day.

If present plans carry the President,
accompanied by Dr. Hixey and William
Wilmer, will start out early to-morrow
morning for an extended bird hunt, their
objective point being Carter's Bridge,
five miles northeast of "Pine Knot." Par-
tridges are said to be plentiful in the
fields of that neighborhood, and ample
opportunity should be afforded the
President to test his parkmanship.

Private Secretary Latta and Secret
Service Guard Sloan have had a quiet
day here in Charlottesville with not a
single message of any sort from the
presidential party.

It is understood that a local photog-
rapher was given an order to-day to go
out to "Pine Knot" to-morrow to take
a number of group pictures of the Pres-
ident and his party on the porch of the
hunting lodge. Whether these pictures
are merely wanted as souvenirs by the
members of the little house party, it is
not known, but it is barely possible that
they are being taken in accordance with
a wish of the President himself, who, in
response to a letter from Commissioner
Whitely, the collector of Albemarle's ex-
hibits for the Jamestown Exposition,
wrote that he would be glad to send a
pine knot or anything else from the
Roosevelt tract, and if it was desired,
would have some photos taken which
could be used as a part of the county's
exhibit.

YOUNG LADIES
LOSE THEIR WAY

Miss Ethel Roosevelt and Party
"Mixed Up" by Virginia
Roads—Weather Cloudy.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROOTSVILLE, Va., December 28.—
From the baying of dogs and the snap
of guns through the fields and woods to-
day, the hunters of Pine Knot have been
enjoying life apart. Theodore Roosevelt,
Jr., and Miss Langdon, Miss Ethel Roose-
velt's chum, were out on horseback, ex-
ploring the roads about the country.
About 4 o'clock in the afternoon they
rode past Glendower, and soon after ap-
parently lost their way, as they inquired
of persons they met in the road the way
to Pine Dealing. Mr. Wilmer's house
was just in sight at the moment. How
they rode mounts from Plain Dealing. Miss
Langdon wore a brown suit, with brown
hat. The weather has not behaved itself